1.	1990-91	Rs. 7,07,00,716/-
2.	1991-92	Rs. 6,61,33,065/-
3.	1992-93	Rs. 13,59,72,326/-
4.	1993-94	Rs. 15,75,18,954/-
5.	1994-95	Rs. 19,45,92,759/-

(c) The appointments of employees & Officers are made through properly constituted Selection Committee/ Departmental Promotion Committee.

Non-Availability of Items in CSD(I) Canteens

3734. SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Parle' biscuits and confectionary and 'Eveready' torches and cells are not available for sale to the consumers in the CSD(I) canteens in Delhi, especially in Race Course, Sena Bhawan and I.N.S. India canteens;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to make those items available in the canteens forthwith;

(c) whether the CSD(I) Bombay or the Area Managers or the Army Headquarters have permitted the authorised distributors of some of the suppliers registered with CSD(I) Bombay to make supplies of their items locally; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the provisions under which the same was allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b). 'Parle' brands of Biscuits and confectionery are listed with CSD. However, since the supplier, i.e. M/s Parle Products Ltd. has not been supplying these items for the last one year, their availability in the unit canteens have been affected. The firm has not yet resumed its supplies. The CSD have made efforts to persuade the firm to supply the items, but no success has so far been achieved. The firm is demanding a price increase which has not been considered reasonable by the CSD.

'Eveready' brand torches and batteries manufactured by M/s Eveready Industries Ltd. are not listed with CSD, and this firm has applied for introduction of these items on 16.7.1996. The application is being examined by CSD Head Office, Mumbai as per rules and procedures.

(c) and (d). Some manufacturers have agreed to supply items directly to the CSD Depots through their own C&F Agents/stockists/distributors to ensure timely supplies to CSD. Firms like Nestle, Hindustan Lever, Brooke Bond, Bosch & Lomb, Godrej, Kelvinator etc. have already started making supplies locally to CSD Depots under this arrangement.

Inter State waters

3735. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State share is determined in Inter State Waters;

(b) if so, the share claimed by different States from different major rivers;

(c) the supply made by the Government on the sharing of water by different State from the major rivers from which the claim has been made;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Council of Blood Transfusion

3736. SHRI A.C. JOS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any action to set up a National Council of Blood Transfusion as directed by the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Blood Transfusion Council has been constituted and registered under Societies Registration Act of 1860 on 23.5.1996 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Project Director (NACO) having members from Govt. of India, Indian Red Cross Society, Medical Council of India, Indian Medical Association, major medical and health institutions and private blood institutions.

(c) Does not arise.

Contamination of Drinking Ground Water

3737. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent research experts have highlighted general contamination of drinking ground water in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the causes of the contamination of drinking ground water;

(c) whether Government have instituted any enquiry in this matter;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and

(e) whether Government also propose to check the functioning of Central Ground Water Board and to ask Central Pollution Control Board to frame a time bound programme in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Contamination in ground water has been reported in certain parts of some States in the country, which has been caused by industrial wastes, urban wastes, mining and mine drainage, use of pesticides and fertilisers in agriculture and salt water intrusion in coastal areas.

(c) and (d). The studies conducted by the Central Ground Water Board have revealed presence of high level of inorganic elements in ground water in certain parts of the States of Assam, Haryana, Gujarat, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka and National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Government of West Bengal has also constituted a Task Force to examine causes of arsenic pollution in ground water in certain districts of the State.

(e) The Central Ground Water Board is an Organisation of the Government and is working on the directions of the Ministry of Water Resources. The pollution of ground water is to be controlled by the Central Pollution Control Board under various Central Pollution Laws such as "The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974". It is a continuing activity.

Accommodation for Haj Pilgrims

3738. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arrangements that were made this year for providing accommodation to Haj Pilgrims at Makkah and Madina;

(b) the details of criteria and guidelines observed for providing the accommodation, including the space provided per pilgrim and the distance from the "Harem-Sharief" at Makkah & Madina; and

(c) the total amount collected from the Haj Pilgrims during the last three years and the total amount spent on providing the accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) During Haj 1996, 50,347 Indian pilgrims performed the Haj pilgrimage under arrangements made through the Haj Committee. Government assisted the Haj Committee in procuring accommodation for all these pilgrims in Makkah and Madina in advance of their arrival.

(b) Accommodation was procured as per the norms of the Haj Committee. As per regulations of the Saudi government, each pilgrim was provided a space of 2.5 sq. mtrs. in the buildings rented by the Haj Committee. These buildings were located at a distance ranging from 400 mtrs upto a radius of 1000 mtrs. from the Haram Sharief in Makkah and at a distance ranging from 400 mtrs to 900 mtrs from the Haram Sharief in Madina.

(c) The total amounts collected from the Haj pilgrims on account of accommodation during the last three years were as follows:-

Haj-1994	Rs. 29,00,58,728
Haj-1995	Rs. 33,71,10,091
Haj-1996	Rs. 65,65,93,233

The total amounts spent on account of accommodation for the last three years were as follows:-

Haj-1994	Rs. 28,65,05,365
Haj-1995	Rs. 33,10,14,225
Haj-1996	Rs. 57,26,88,242

Difference between the amounts collected and spent during Haj-1994 and Haj-1995 have been reimbursed to those Haj pilgrims who were accommodated beyond 800 metres from the Haram Sharief in Makkah. For Haj-1996, Central Haj Committee is in the process of making the reimbursements.

Vacant Post

3739. SHRI SAMIK LAHIRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta is running with only 10 permanent teachers instead of the required 64 teachers and even without a permanent Director; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b). The strength of teaching staff at N.I.H, Calcutta is 39 including that of its Director. At present